

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Amended) A kite system, comprising:
a kite portion; and
a ballast portion coupled to said kite portion that moves with respect to said kite portion;
said kite portion comprising a base and a partially exposed substructure coupled to said base;
wherein said partially exposed substructure flexes said base.
2. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said kite portion further comprises:
one or more masts coupled to said base portion; and
one or more sails coupled to said one or more mast portions.
3. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 2, wherein said kite portion further comprises one or more lateral supports coupled to said one or more masts and said base.
4. (Original) The kite system of Claim 3, further comprising rigging coupled to said base and to said one or more masts.
5. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base comprises:
a frame; and
a body portion coupled to said frame.
6. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is in a form similar to a surfboard.

7. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is in a form similar to a skateboard.
8. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base is in a form similar to a golf putting green.
9. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said base flexing by said partially exposed substructure causes said base to resemble a real-life configuration.
10. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion comprises:
 - a shell portion; and
 - fill material located within said shell portion.
11. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 10, wherein said ballast portion further comprises one or more coupling structures configured to couple to themselves and to said kite portion.
12. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 10, wherein said ballast portion further comprises one or more mesh portions coupled to said shell portion configured to allow air to pass therethrough to the interior of said ballast.
13. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is coupled to said kite above said base.
14. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is removably, selectively, positionally coupled to said kite portion.
15. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion moves periodically or intermittently with respect to said kite portion when in flight.

16. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is a human-like form.
17. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is an animal-like form.
18. (Original) The kite system of Claim 1, wherein said ballast portion is a whimsical form.

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24. (Previously Amended) A kite system, comprising:
a kite portion including a base, a partially exposed substructure coupled to said base; and
a ballast portion comprising a shell, fill material within said shell and one or more coupling structures configured to couple said ballast portion to said kite portion for periodic or intermittent movement relative to said kite portion in flight.
25. (Previously Amended) A method of using a kite system comprising a kite portion, including coupling a substantially exposed substructure to said kite portion in flight stabilizing relation; and
maintaining a ballast portion comprising a shell portion and a fill material within said shell portion attached to said kite portion that moves relative to said.

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29. (Previously Amended) A kite system, comprising:
a kite portion having a base resembling a truck; and
a partially exposed substructure coupled to said base in flexing relation;
wherein said substructure comprises four or more rods and wheel-like devices arranged to appear as truck wheels supported by said substructure rods.

30. (Previously Amended) The kite system of Claim 29, further comprising wings coupled to said base.

31. (Previously Amended) A kite system, comprising:
a kite portion; and
a ballast portion coupled to said kite portion that moves with respect to said kite portion;

wherein said kite portion comprises a partially exposed substructure coupled to a base; and

wherein said partially exposed substructure flexes said base, such that said base imitates a real-world configuration.

32. (Original) The kite system of Claim 31, further comprising wings coupled to said base directly above said base.

33. (Original) The kite system of Claim 31, wherein said substructure is a single element.